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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the restriction requirement dated September 23, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups:

- • Group I: Claims 1-10⁹ and 17-19, drawn to a microwave waveguide, classified in class 333, subclass 239.
- • Group II: Claims 11-16¹⁰, drawn to a method of drying a paper web, classified in class 219, subclass 691.

→ Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-10⁹ and 17-19, drawn to a microwave waveguide. Applicants submit that no serious burden on the Examiner exists if the claims are examined in a single application. A proper search of the product would necessarily include a search of the method.

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